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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ACCREDITATION OF CONSULAR OFFICERS IN TAHITI

REF: DEPTTEL 9069 OF JAN 17, 1973 & FROWICK/MAGEE TELCON

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTE FROM FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE ON ABOVE SUBJECT. OPERATING LANGUAGE STATES THAT "FRENCH GOVERNMENT GRANTS AUTHORIZATION TO MR. SKIFF TO PROCEED TO TAHITI AFTER OCTOBER 1ST, 1973 FOR PURPOSE OF STUDYING PROBLEMS RELATED TO OPENING OF AMERICAN CONSULAR AGENCY AT PAPEETE.

2. "FRENCH GOVERNMENT, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 2 OF FRANCO-AMERICAN CONSULAR CONVENTION OF 18 JULY 1966, GIVES ITS PERMISSION FOR OPENING SUCH A POST PROVIDED THAT AMERICAN CONSULAR AGENT AT PAPEETE BE EMPOWERED EXPEDITIOUSLY TO ISSUE TRANSIT VISAS TO FRENCH NATIONALS AND PROVIDE ALSO THAT HE BE ANSWERABLE TO U.S. EMBASSY AT PARIS AND NOT TO AMERICAN CONSULATE IN FIJI."

3. SINCE CONSULAR AGENTS CANNOT ISSUE VISAS, FIRST FRENCH CONDITION PRESUMABLY CANNOT BE MET. SECOND CONDITION WOULD PROBABLY INVOLVE REMOVAL FRENCH POLYNESIA FROM SUVA'S
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CONSULAR DISTRICT AND PUTTING IT UNDER PARIS, AN ARRANGEMENT

WHICH, IF JURIDICALLY FEASIBLE, WOULD BE ADMINISTRATIVELY
CUMBERSOME. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS
REGARDING FRENCH PROPOSAL. WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR OUR REPRESENTATIVE AT SUVA TO MAKE
EXPLORATORY VISIT PAPEETE UNLESS AND UNTIL WE HAVE
AGREEMENT WITH FRENCH ON CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A CONSULAR
AGENCY MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED THERE. OTHERWISE, VISIT MIGHT
BE CONSTRUED BY FRENCH AS TACIT ACCEPTANCE OF FRENCH PRE-
CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN PARA TWO ABOVE.
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